(a) whether M.T.N.L. procured l0020 subscriber Loop Carrier (SLC) System and 131 racks during 1989—93 worth Rs. 764 Lakhs;

(b) number of SLCs and racks lying idle and un-utilized as on date;

(c) reasons for the non-installaction of them so far and future plans to utilise the same; and

(d) name of the suppliers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

M.T.N.L. ordered and procured in different lots 100.20 subscriber Loop Carrier Systems which were house in 153 racks at a total cost of Rs. 767 lakhs during 1989—93, out of which 1200 SLC Systems housed in 25 racks were diverted to Karnataka Telecom. Circle during 1995-96.

(b) 5291 Nos. of SLC Systems housed in 66 racks were not put to use and are laying unutilised.

The SLC Systems are used to install telepones in TNF areas as a temporary measure, till cable paris are made available by way of laying additional underground cables As Cable pairs provision is a dynamic process, the utilisation of SLC also keep varying. Some of the SLC Systems were not giving satisractory service and has gone faulty. It is being examined whether the systems can be repaired economically. In case it is not possible to repair them at reasonable cost the Systems will be scrapped.

(d) 3 Suppliers namely M/s. NATELCO, M/s. HFCL and M/s. Mekaster supplied these items.

Extension of Beat in MA 34 Section from Nagercoil to Madural

2932. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken in regard to extension of beat in MA 34 section from Nagercoil to Madurai (mail service) by Chief Post Master General, Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether as per the reply by the Chief Post Master General, Tamil Nadu, the papers are pending before Delhi Office;

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay; and

(d) how long it will take for extension of beat in MA 34 section from Nagercoil to Madurai?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

Necessary orders were issued for extension of the beat of MA 34 Section from Nagarcoil to Madurai on 15.5.1998 and the said orders implemented by Tamil Nadu Circle with effect from 1st July, 1998.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Shifting of Chief General Manager's Office

2933. SHRI SHARIEF-UD-DIN SHARIQ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief General Manager has shifted his office from Srinagar to Jammu because of growing militant activities in this State;

(b) whether there is scene of normalcy after shifting;

(c) whether the office of the said office bearer is to be brought back at its original place; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Chief General Manager